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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) will be accepting applications for nominations to U.S. military service academies until Friday, October 16th, 2009.

"We are fortunate to have such talented and qualified young people throughout the 24th Congressional District who will shape our nation's future across many different fields," **Arcuri said**

"Our nation's elite military academies look for the best and brightest and I strongly encourage any student interested in applying to a military service academy to contact my office regarding the nomination process. Military service academies offer the opportunity to serve our great country, provide an outstanding education and prepare young people for successful lives."

Arcuri's Veterans Advisory Committee reviews student applications and conducts interviews before recommending students to Arcuri for nominations for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Naval Academy. Instructions for applying for a nomination may be found on Arcuri's website by clicking here. Arcuri's office can also be reached by calling 315-793-8146.

All applications must be received by mail, please send to:

Office of U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri Alexander Pirnie Federal Building 10 Broad Street, Room 330

Utica, NY 13501 Attn: Jason Phelps

Students nominated by Arcuri compete against students around the country for appointments to the various academies. In 2009, Arcuri nominated 28 students to the various U.S. military

service academies. Nine students nominated by Arcuri received appointments to military service academies. In May, Arcuri hosted an information session for high school sophomores and juniors interested in applying to one of the military service academies.

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